



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

Working For You: Spring 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse



Dear Neighbor,

After a busy May, the House of Representatives is on summer recess and will be resuming voting session and committees after the November elections. Over the summer and fall, I hope to hear from you and see you around our community, so please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to work for you. Keep reading to see what's been happening at the Statehouse lately and what I'm working on.

Last month, Democrats introduced a plan to protect women's healthcare and support babies and young families. The legislative package includes bills to

⇒Eliminate the diaper tax;

- ⇒Create the Infant Formula Tax Credit;
- ⇒Establish the Ohio Safe Sleep and Baby Box Program;
- ⇒Require insurance coverage of medically necessary donor human milk;
- ⇒Create the Infant Nutrition Protection Act;
- ⇒Enact the Ohio Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

I am working to make sure that families have the resources they need to succeed in Ohio, so please contact my office if you want to learn more about any of these bills or if there's anything I can assist with.



Meanwhile, in redistricting news, Republicans on the Ohio Redistricting Commission refused to follow the rule of law and meet the Supreme Court-ordered June 3, 2022 deadline to pass constitutional legislative district maps. This means that the August 2nd special Statehouse primary will go forward using unconstitutional maps rigged against voters and in favor of politicians. These maps will only apply to the 2022 election. Make sure you are registered to vote in the upcoming August and November elections! The deadline to register to vote in August is July 5th.

Sincerely, Casey Weinstein

Handwritten signature of Casey Weinstein

Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

Happy Pride Month! June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their identities and experiences. Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals protested for their right to exist. Know that you have an ally in me.



Congratulations to Hudson resident Ashton Swinford on coming in first place in the 2022 Cleveland Marathon!

Congratulations to all the young people earning their Eagle Scout awards this spring and summer! A special congratulations to the few District 37 residents who are in the first group of girls ever to earn this achievement! You've worked hard, and I commend you!

Spotlight: Opposing Extreme Gun Legislation and Keeping Ohioans Safe

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities across Ohio, but Statehouse Republicans continue to pass extreme legislation. Yesterday, Governor DeWine signed House Bill (HB) 99, a bill that puts guns into classrooms by allowing staff to be armed in schools with minimal training. Police, teachers unions, civil rights groups, and students all strongly opposed this legislation and the effects it would have on our children and schools.

Ohio's newly passed "permitless carry" law also went into effect this week, allowing any adult to carry a concealed firearm without a license or training. Ohioans want and deserve legislation that keep our communities safe, but these reckless bills do the opposite. That's why my Democratic colleagues and I have been working to propose common sense gun safety legislation to protect our communities, families, and children.

- SB 73 (Thomas) / HB 259 (Robinson, Miller, A.) Universal background checks
- SB 74 (Thomas) Raise minimum age to purchase firearm to 21
- SB 75 (Thomas, Williams) Regulate transfer of firearms at gun shows
- HB 274 (Upchurch, Jarrells) Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct
- SB 77 (Thomas) Ban bump stocks and other items that accelerate semi-automatic firearms
- SB 138 (Williams) / HB 257 (Russo, Smith, M.) Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act ("Red Flag" law)
- HB 262 (Miranda, Kelly) Prohibit negligent firearm storage

Learn more about each of these bills HERE and contact the Chair of each committee to let your voice be heard.

Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Propose bill ideas and law changes
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

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Legislative Update

HB 151: Trans Athlete Ban and Gender Exams / In the last hours of the legislative session before summer recess, Republicans attached an amendment to an unrelated bill that would prohibit trans girls from participating in school sports and require ANY girl "suspected or accused" of being trans to undergo invasive and traumatizing medical exams, including internal and external genitalia. This bill will hurt all girls in sports, and I voted NO. Contact your senator to tell them to stop this dangerous bill.

HB 208: Ohio Fairness Act / It is still legal for LGBTQ+ Ohioans to lose their jobs, be denied housing, or be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

The Ohio Fairness Act, would expand LGBTQ+ protections to include not just employment, but also housing and services in Ohio. Contact Rep57@ohiohouse.gov to demand HB 208 gets a hearing.

